



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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Housing Stabilization Notice 2012-01

Memorandum

To: DHCD Field Staff

From: Robert Pulster, Associate Director, Division of Housing Stabilization

Subject: **Implementation of Increase in the Federal Poverty Guidelines effective March 1, 2012**

Date: February 29, 2012

Effective March 1, 2012, the new Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) issued pursuant to the Federal Register (*Vol.77, No 17, pp 4034-35 issued on Thursday, January 26, 2012*) will be used to determine eligibility for Emergency Assistance (EA). The EA eligibility for applicants and recipients is 115 % of the Federal Poverty Guideline. This change has been programmed into ASIST. Below is the EA eligibility standard chart to use when determining eligibility.

Family Size	115% of FPG EA Monthly Income Eligibility Standard As of 1-26-2012
1	\$1,070
2	\$1,450
3	\$1,829
4	\$2,209
5	\$2,588
6	\$2,968
7	\$3,347
8	\$3,727
Add Person	\$380

This notice supersedes all prior guidance issued by the Division of Housing Stabilization in regard to maximum income limits for receipt of Emergency Assistance benefits based on then current Federal Poverty Guidelines.